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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Beverly Hills – Smash and Grab Robber Steal \$5M from Jewelry Store

(U) Luxury Jewels of Beverly Hills was hit by smash-and-grab robbers yesterday who remain at large. According to police, group of about five suspects armed with sledgehammers broke the front window of the store and got away with several items. The group arrived in a stolen car, but left it behind, fleeing in an unknown vehicle. Preliminary reports identify the suspects as men, some wearing hooded sweatshirts, sweatpants, and surgical masks. According to the store owners, the robbers got away with between \$3 to \$5 million worth of jewelry. One necklace alone was worth nearly \$500,000. SOURCE: 23 March 2022, ABC News 7

(U) San Francisco – Hackers Hit Authentication Firm Okta

(U) Okta Inc reported yesterday that it had been hit by the hacking group Lapsus\$ and that some customers may have been affected. The scope of the breach is still unclear, but it could have major consequences because thousands of companies rely on Okta to manage access to their networks and applications. The breach was determined to come after a customer support engineer working for a third-party contractor had his computer accessed by the hackers for a five-day period in mid-January. Lapsus\$, a ransom-seeking hacking group posted a series of screenshots of Okta's internal communications on their Telegram channel Monday. The group also claimed to breach Microsoft, which the company confirmed yesterday.

SOURCE: 23 March 2022, Reuters PC Mag

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Multiple Large Groups Encountered in Del Rio and Eagle Pass

(U) Del Rio – USBP Agents encountered four large groups of a total of 485 migrants after they illegally entered the United States, between 18-21 March. Eagle Pass Station agents encountered three groups totaling 380 migrants, and Del Rio Station agents apprehended a group of 105. The migrants included among others over 200 from Cuba, 80 from Columbia, 78 from Venezuela, 61 from African countries, and 27 from Nicaragua. All subjects are processed in accordingly.

SOURCE: 22 March 2022, US CBP

(U) Texas - CBP Officers Seize \$587K Worth of Narcotics in Three Seizures

(U) Brownsville – US CBP officers intercepted narcotics in three separate enforcement actions that have a combined estimated street value of \$587,140. The first seizure took place on 17 March when a 25-year-old male US citizen from Texas attempted entry. CBP officers discovered 10 packages hidden within his vehicle, containing a total of 26.32 pounds of cocaine. On 19 March, a 22-year-old female US citizen from Texas, applied for entry. CBP officers discovered 10 packages hidden containing a total of 26.94 pounds of cocaine in her vehicle. On 22 March, a 23-year-old female US citizen who resides in Mexico applied for entry and officers discovered 10 packages containing a total of 22.61 pounds of cocaine in her vehicle. CBP officers seized the narcotics along with the vehicles, arrested the travelers and turned them over for further investigation.

SOURCE: 22 March 2022, US CBP

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(U) NATIONAL

(U) North Carolina – Rival Motorcycle Gang Fight Left Six People Shot, Three Dead

(U) Fayetteville – Police say the shooting outside the Baymont Ramada hotel over the weekend stemmed from a fight between four rival motorcycle gang organizations: Hells Angels, Red Devils, Infamous Ryders and La Familia. Officers responded to the report of a shooting at a parking lot Saturday night and found four people who had been shot. Officers later found a fifth and sixth victim who was taken to the hospital for treatment. Three succumbed to their injuries.

SOURCE: 21 March 2022, Fayetteville Observer Fayetteville PD

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Poland – Officials Seek Expulsion of 45 Russians Suspected of Spying

(U) Warsaw – According to officials, Poland has identified 45 Russian intelligence officers using diplomatic status as cover to stay in the country and authorities are seeking to expel them. Poland's Internal Security Agency says it's asking the Foreign Ministry to urgently remove the Russians, who were described as a danger to Poland's security, from the country. The agency reported that the Russian services are increasingly on the offensive and "are acting aggressively against Poland." The security agency found that the activities of the 45 Russians have served "the objectives of the Russian undertakings designed to undermine the stability of Poland and its allies in the international arena and poses a threat to the interests and security of our country."

SOURCE: 23 March 2022, Associated Press

(U) Israel – Suspected Terrorist Attack in Israel Leaves Four Dead

(U) Beersheba – Four Israelis have been killed and several others wounded in an attack in the south of the country. Three were stabbed to death outside the BIG Shopping Centre in Beersheba, while a fourth was rammed by a vehicle driven by the assailant. The attacker was shot dead during the attack by a bus driver. Israel's internal security agency identified assailant as an Israeli Arab who had once been jailed for supporting the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS). Media named him as Muhammad Galeb Ahmad Abu Alqian, a high school teacher from Hura. Alqian had been arrested in 2015 when he planned to leave for Syria to join ISIS. He was convicted and served time in prison before being released in 2019. SOURCE: 22 March 2022, BBC Wall Street Journal

(U) Somalia – Al-Shabaab Claims Responsibility for Attack on Mogadishu International Airport

(U) Mogadishu – Somali security forces shot dead two armed attackers who tried to burst into an army base near Mogadishu's Adan Abdulle International Airport on Wednesday. Al Qa'ida-linked al Shabaab militants claimed responsibility for the attack on the facility. The Halane base camp, which houses the African Union Mission in Somalia, the United Nations office, and other international agencies, was also reportedly attacked.

SOURCE: 23 March 2022, Reuters Associated Press

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